

Child's Nearly-Severed Leg Saved by Surgery Miracle

BUFFALO, N.Y. — (AP) — The story of how a sympathetic surgeon saved the almost completely severed leg of a little girl has come to light at Our Lady of Victory Hospital in nearby Lackawanna.

The child, Eleanor Eaton, is now five years old, and she runs and plays like any other child her age. But the first time Eleanor met the late Dr. Michael A. Sullivan several years ago, it was different. Playing on her family's farm near Buffalo, Eleanor became pinned beneath her father's tractor. She was taken to the hospital with her mangled legs dangling.

One leg was severed except for a section of muscle. The other leg was badly fractured. Doctors and nurses prepared for immediate amputation as Dr. Sullivan, then the hospital's chief of staff, studied the injuries.

"It's an awful thing to lose a leg," Dr. Sullivan said. "Let's let this little girl rest until tomorrow."

A special pillow was made for the severed leg and the wound was sprinkled with sulpha powder to prevent infection. After 34 hours during which nurses watched over Eleanor constantly, the operating room again was prepared for the amputation.

Dr. Sullivan still hesitated. And, although other physicians urged him to amputate, he decided to wait a while longer.

Instead of putting a cast on the leg, Dr. Sullivan ordered a loose bandage to guard against infection. Finally, as Eleanor's condition improved, he ordered a cast. But the chance of complete recovery was a long one. Even if the flesh healed without infection, the bone ends and nerves might not knit.

Months later the cast was removed. In a room filled with nurses, doctors and technicians, the plaster was taken off. Gentle

hands massaged the stiff muscles. Everyone waited to learn the effects of Dr. Sullivan's efforts. "Wiggle your toes, Honey," one of the hospital sisters said to Eleanor.

Wiggles Her Toes

Eleanor wiggled her toes, and all five of them moved. The first stage of the program was a success. But would the child be able to walk?

After weeks of exercise and massage, Eleanor was assisted from the bed. With helping hands nearby to aid her, she was asked to stand. Then she took a few steps. Dr. Sullivan had saved her leg.

"There is no known record of any other case where a leg had been virtually amputated, including the bone, and healed together again," Sister M. Theophane, hospital superintendent, said. The case, she added, was not publicized during Dr. Sullivan's lifetime at his own request.

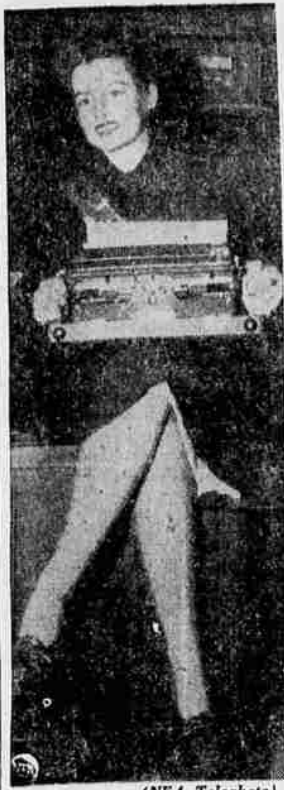
Air Force Plane For Rescue Work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Air Force is planning to equip its air-sea rescue groups with a new high-speed amphibious plane.

It has ordered 32 Grumman SA-16A search and amphibious planes. They will replace gradually the old twin engine OA-10, prototype of the Navy PB-1, known as the Catalina.

The Grumman is a high wing plane with two Wright 1,425-horsepower engines. It carries a crew of three. The cruising speed is rated at 225 miles per hour, with a maximum speed of 275 mph. Its predecessor travels about 90 miles per hour.

The Grumman amphibian can carry 14 passengers or 16 litter patients or 4,100 pounds of cargo. Its range is from 800 miles to 4,000 miles, depending on load and takeoff conditions.



(NEA Telephoto) Dr. Sullivan won't rest on June 24's knees any longer. Awarded "Miss Secretary of 1948" title at National Secretaries Association Convention in Hollywood, Miss Dry, 19, of Reading, Pa., was offered several screen contracts. She promptly announced she wanted to give up her job anyway.

Super-Chief Leaves Rails

WINSLOW, Ariz. — (AP) — The Santa Fe luxury streamline east-bound passenger train, the Super-Chief, was derailed Tuesday in the Winslow railroad yards.

The Winslow police department said at least three persons, including one passenger and two Santa Fe employees, were injured. They were taken to the Winslow general hospital where the injuries were described as minor.

The super-speed train left the rails on a curve near the Winslow roundhouse, police said. It was believed, they added, the wreck was caused by a broken rail.

The four-unit Diesel engine rolled over on its side, taking with it the mail car, mail storage car and a baggage-lounge car.

The engine rolled into the Winslow water distilling plant and tore up telephone and telegraph lines bordering the track. All communication service was temporarily disrupted.

Link River, which joins Upper Klamath Lake with Lake Ewauna, is one of the nation's shortest streams. Less than a mile long, it flows entirely within the city limits of Klamath Falls. The nation's shortest river is the D, 400 feet long, flowing from Devils Lake into the sea along the Oregon coast.

Theory On Birth Of Stars Told

By RENNIE TAYLOR

PASADENA — (AP) — Research which gives astronomers their first solid clue as to how stars are formed was reported to the American Astronomical Society here by Dr. Otto Struve. He is director of the University of Chicago's allied observatory.

The findings confirm a two-year-old theory of Dr. Lyman Spitzer of Princeton University that a star is born when cosmic dust far out in space condenses into a small mass which then is bombarded by more dust particles. These particles falling into the condensed mass not only add to its weight but also heat up the concentration.

The bombardment and heating continues as long as the mass remains within the dust cloud until the body reaches a maximum of weight and temperature. If the dust cloud is of limited size or if the mass moves out of the cloud, the growth and heating processes stop somewhere short of producing a full fledged star.

Dr. Struve and an associate, Dr. M. Rudkjobing of McDonald Observatory in Texas, obtained evidence strengthening this theory.

The process can go on until the mass reaches big star size and a temperature of perhaps 10,000 degrees centigrade. The sun's surface temperature is about 7000 degrees centigrade.

At this temperature, however, the star may radiate energy enough to repel dust cloud particles seeking to join its mass, and the growth stops.

The word "tobacco" is derived from the early West Indian name of the pronged stick, "tobago".

No Trains; Pays Anyway

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — (AP) — The Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad is the only line in the nation entirely debt free. But, then, the railroad isn't running either.

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The Erie agreed and a lease was signed running until 2051. Since then the Erie has had all the responsibility, and the R. & G. V. stockholders have just collected dividends.

Once, however, in the early 1940s, the stockholders agreed to make a concession to the Erie. They allowed the interest rate to be lowered to four per cent.

Roman House Found

CANTERBURY, England — (AP) — Foundations believed to be those of a second century Roman town house have been discovered during excavations here on the site of the Royal Fountain and Rose Hotel which were destroyed during the war. Some of the foundations are five feet thick. A large Roman bath room, thirty feet square, and a cobbled quadrangle

between two wings of the ancient merous urns, one of the Emperor Claudius era (A.D. 41-54), as well as others bearing the pottery house are among the discoveries. The smallest finds include nu-



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